PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Covernor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 21, 1975

In accordance with Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of H.B. 1073 and am filing same with the Secretary of State setting forth the following objections:

H.B. 1073, amending the Public Welfare Act, has been passed by the Legislature and delivered to my office. H.B. 1073 amends the Public Welfare Act in Sections 18-A, 19-B, and 39. The amendments purport to authorize the Department of Public Welfare to:

- utilize federal matching funds for emergency assistance;
- utilize federal matching funds for interim assistance to applicants for the Federal Supplemental Security Program; and
- 3. create an Advisory Board for Political Subdivisions.

These amendments assume the availability of Federal matching funds for purposes for which they are not, in fact, available. Further, Article 695c at Section 4(12) already authorizes the Department of Public Welfare to extend the scope of public welfare programs and services as may be prescribed or authorized under Federal law and rules and regulations. I also believe the amendments, if allowed to take effect, would raise serious Constitutional questions regarding the unmatched expenditure of certain State funds as proscribed by Article III, Section 51-a of the Texas Constitution.

H.B. 1073 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the Sixty-fourth Legislature, and in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas, this bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 219t day of June, 1975.

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